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Note: Audio comments from U.S. Attorney Todd Graves are available in MP3 format, and may be downloaded from the district's Web site at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow

FORMER DOUGLAS COUNTY JUDGE INDICTED FOR CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a former Douglas County, Mo., judge has been indicted for being in possession of child pornography.

Roger E. Wall, 57, of Ava, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned under seal by a federal grand jury in Springfield on Feb. 24, 2005. That indictment was unsealed and made public today upon **Wall's** initial court appearance. **Wall** was an associate circuit judge for Missouri's 44th Circuit prior to his recent resignation, which was effective Feb. 21, 2005.

"There is no 'typical' child porn defendant," Graves said. "We prosecute child pornography cases against defendants from all walks of life, ages and socio-economic status, from rural and urban and suburban areas.

"I am committed to protecting children from adult predators," Graves added, "and will aggressively prosecute violators without regard to their position or stature."

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Wall** was in possession of videotapes containing child pornography in November 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Wall** to forfeit to the government any videotapes or other matter alleged in Count One.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and

not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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